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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE <u>3</u> MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.
- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
  Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>14 August 2006</u>.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-44</u> is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>27-44</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-26</u> is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   This is in response to the applicant's communication filed on August 14, 2006,

wherein:

Claims 1-44 are currently pending;

Claims 27-44 have been withdrawn from consideration;

Claims 1-3, and 10 have been amended.

Information Disclosure Statement

2.   The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on August 16, 2006 is

being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3.   Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Jones et al (US 2002/0156661) (hereinafter referred to as Jones) of in view of Shah (US

2002/0032589) (hereinafter referred to as Shah)

Referring to Claims 1-26:

Jones discloses a method and system for automatically planning, booking travel

arrangements, comprising a data storage device (Figure 1 (112) and (140), a booking

engine (travel computer 120), an output device (Figure 1 (100, 106) and a processor programmed to perform the method (Figure 1 (50)), comprising:

maintaining in computer storage device a database of user profile information including in information regarding air travel booking preferences, car booking preferences, hotel booking preferences and personal preference air travel ratings (Figure 1 (112); [0039] a user's profile may be maintained in the memory 112 or an external storage system accessible by the travel computer 120 or the user computer 100 which includes travel preferences);

using the user profile information and the travel request data to automatically formulate a travel request in response to the travel request input, the travel request including airline, hotel and rental car reservation information ([0039] user inputs travel parameters to the presentation program 108 on the user computer 100, which travel parameters are sent to the travel system 114 on the travel computer 120 for processing a user's profile may be maintained in the memory 112 or an external storage system accessible by the travel computer 120 or the user computer 100 which includes travel preferences, such as preferred seats, airports, airlines, airplanes, modes of ground transportation such as rental cars, price, range, or a seat class. After inputting the vaious parameters, the system generates and itinerary);

automatically creating a travel query file by applying business rules to the travel request, including (Fig. 2A (210));

automatically executing an air booking process based on at least two categories of user preference information selected from the group of lowest price, arrival/departure

time, airline, non-stop, duration, alternate airports and full fare automobile upgrades

(Fig. 2A (200), page 2 [0039] thru page 3 [0047]),

automatically executing a car booking process for selecting (Figs.2A, 5A), and

automatically executing a hotel booking process (Figs. 2A, 4A),

submitting the query file to a booking engine for creating a travel request query (Figs.

2A, 3A);

submitting the travel request query to a travel distribution system for retrieving

air, car, and hotel availability information (pages 2-3 [0036-0047];

receiving from the travel distribution system the air, car and hotel availability

information and creating a suggested travel itinerary (Figs. 2A-5C, Fig. 7 (Figure 7);

allowing manual changes to be made to the suggested travel itinerary (Figs. 8A-

8D);

accepting manual confirmation of the suggested travel itinerary (Fig. 3A

(377,380).

Jones does not discloses a method and system wherein the travel request input

including travel request data is automatically gathered from a user's personal calendar

application configured to store and display a user's calendar events including events not

related to the travel request. Jones does not disclose automatically creating and storing

appointment events in the calendar application using data from the confirmed travel

itinerary.

However, Shah discloses an integrated calendaring and reservation method and

system wherein the travel request input data is automatically gathered from the user's

personal calendar and automatically creating and storing appointment events in the

calendar application using data from the confirmed travel itinerary ([0039] [0050] [0051]

and [0079].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the

invention to include an integrated calendaring method and system as taught by Shah

with the reservation method and system disclosed in Jones so that the user may have

access to all the information required to make the appropriate reservations and so that a

user will not forget to make the necessary reservations in a timely fashion that may

cause an appointment to be missed.

4.   Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Jones et al (US 2002/0156661) (hereinafter referred to as Jones) of in view of *I-

tinerary.com to Create First Travel Itinerary Site for Mobile Device Users* published on

April 5, 2000 on the Business Wire (hereinafter referred to as I-tinerary).

Referring to Claims 1-26:

Jones discloses a method and system for automatically planning, booking travel

arrangements, comprising a data storage device (Figure 1 (112) and (140), a booking

engine (travel computer 120), an output device (Figure 1 (100, 106) and a processor

programmed to perform the method (Figure 1 (50)), comprising:

maintaining in computer storage device a database of user profile information

including in information regarding air travel booking preferences, car booking

preferences, hotel booking preferences and personal preference air travel ratings

(Figure 1 (112); [0039] a user's profile may be maintained in the memory 112 or an external storage system accessible by the travel computer 120 or the user computer 100 which includes travel preferences);

using the user profile information and the travel request data to automatically formulate a travel request in response to the travel request input, the travel request including airline, hotel and rental car reservation information ([0039] user inputs travel parameters to the presentation program 108 on the user computer 100, which travel parameters are sent to the travel system 114 on the travel computer 120 for processing a user's profile may be maintained in the memory 112 or an external storage system accessible by the travel computer 120 or the user computer 100 which includes travel preferences, such as preferred seats, airports, airlines, airplanes, modes of ground transportation such as rental cars, price, range, or a seat class. After inputting the vaious parameters, the system generates and itinerary);

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automatically executing an air booking process based on at least two categories of user preference information selected from the group of lowest price, arrival/departure time, airline, non-stop, duration, alternate airports and full fare automobile upgrades (Fig. 2A (200), page 2 [0039] thru page 3 [0047]),

automatically executing a car booking process for selecting (Figs.2A, 5A), and

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submitting the query file to a booking engine for creating a travel request query (Figs. 2A, 3A);

submitting the travel request query to a travel distribution system for retrieving air, car, and hotel availability information (pages 2-3 [0036-0047];

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allowing manual changes to be made to the suggested travel itinerary (Figs. 8A-8D);

accepting manual confirmation of the suggested travel itinerary (Fig. 3A (377,380).

Jones does not discloses a method and system wherein the travel request input including travel request data is automatically gathered from a user's personal calendar application configured to store and display a user's calendar events or automatically creating and storing appointment events in the calendar application using data from the confirmed travel itinerary.

However, I-tinerary discloses an integrated calendaring and reservation method and system wherein the travel request input data is automatically gathered from the user's calendar and automatically creating and storing appointment events in the calendar application using data from the confirmed travel itinerary (paragraphs 3 and 6).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate into the reservation method and system disclosed in Jones a booking method and system with calendaring software programs so that business

travelers can now have a complete itinerary scheduled including air, car, and hotel,

based on the traveler's preferences, with one click and so that business travelers can

view and modify their travel itineraries using the most popular mobile devices.

5.   Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Jones et al (US 2002/0156661) (hereinafter referred to as Jones) of in view of *Galileo*

International Announces Corporate Travelpoint ™ 2.0; Advanced Corporate Travel

Solution Eliminates Need for Data Synchronization; Can be Easily Integrated and

Customized to the Traveler published on July 31, 2000 by the PR Newswire Association

(hereinafter referred to as Travelpoint).

Referring to Claims 1-26:

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arrangements, comprising a data storage device (Figure 1 (112) and (140), a booking

engine (travel computer 120), an output device (Figure 1 (100, 106) and a processor

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preferences, hotel booking preferences and personal preference air travel ratings

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external storage system accessible by the travel computer 120 or the user computer

100 which includes travel preferences);

using the user profile information and the travel request data to automatically

formulate a travel request in response to the travel request input, the travel request

including airline, hotel and rental car reservation information ([0039] user inputs travel

parameters to the presentation program 108 on the user computer 100, which travel

parameters are sent to the travel system 114 on the travel computer 120 for processing

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related to the travel request data or automatically creating and storing appointment

events in the calendar application using data from the confirmed travel itinerary.

However, Travelpoint discloses an integrated calendaring and reservation

method and system wherein the travel request input data is automatically gathered from

the user's calendar and automatically creating and storing appointment events in the

calendar application using data from the confirmed travel itinerary (paragraphs 5-11).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the

invention to incorporate into the reservation method and system disclosed in Jones a

booking method and system with calendaring and data features using personal

information management products (PIM) so that once an appointment or meeting is

entered into a PIM at a location other than the traveler's "home," the travel application is

launched and a travel itinerary is created and presented to the employee taking into

consideration the corporate travel policy, preferred suppliers, personal settings and

preferences, wherein the employee can accept the proposed itinerary or modify it.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-26 have been considered but are

moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Patent Number 6,480,830 discloses an active calendar system that automatically generates and sends messages in support of calendar entries. The active calendar can search and organize information.

XTRA On-Lines' New Product Utilizes Activities, Geography to Build Travel Itinerary discloses complete travel itinerary for business travels which creates the automated travel itineraries from Personal Information Management calendar applications.

Biztravel.com disclose a travel booking experience that integrates with calendars and contacts stored in applications that users use every day.
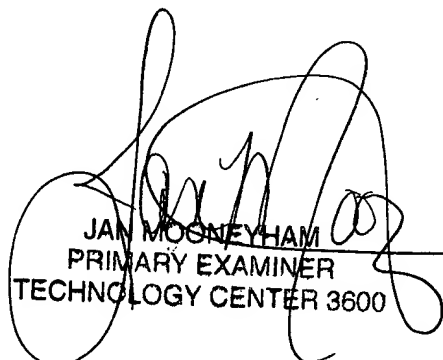
Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janice A. Mooneyham whose telephone number is (571) 272-6805. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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